

## OPEN MEETING AGENDA ITEM



Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

April 29, 2021

Dear Chairwoman Marquez Peterson and Corporation Commissioners:

**RE: Docket Number RU-00000A-18-0284, Small Businesses Support Immediate Action on Arizona Corporation Commission's Energy Rules**

As a community of small businesses operating in southern Arizona, we urge you to expedite the passage of the Energy Rules that you spearheaded last year. We support policies that will accelerate Arizona's transition towards clean energy. Businesses in southern Arizona stand to gain significant economic benefits now and in the future from the Energy Rules. Continued delays will only hinder options for us to save money on our electric bills, as our businesses are struggling to survive the global pandemic.

**The ACC's Energy rules will help Arizona's small businesses thrive in several ways:**

1. The Clean Energy Standard aims to reduce air pollution<sup>1</sup> while providing the regulatory certainty needed for business to prosper. This policy would support the more than 69,000 clean energy jobs based in Arizona, while helping to expand job opportunities.<sup>2</sup> This policy is a win-win for businesses.

<sup>1</sup> The American Lung Association's 2020 State of the Air report gave Maricopa County a failing grade for ground ozone and 24-hour particle pollution, <https://www.stateoftheair.org/city-rankings/states/arizona/maricopa.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://info.aee.net/hubfs/AZ-Fact-Sheet-2020.pdf>

2. The Energy Efficiency Standard will provide businesses with more rebates and programs to replace old air conditioners, water heaters, refrigerators, and windows while saving energy and boosting productivity. These programs reduce operating costs while increasing overall property value.
3. The Distributed Storage Standard will make it even easier for organizations like ours to invest in energy storage systems, especially since many federal tax incentives have been expanded for solar.<sup>3</sup>

These policies will result in reduced energy costs, attract in-state investment, support local jobs, clean our air, and improve public health. Given the adverse impacts of COVID-19 on Arizona's small businesses, a delayed decision on the Energy Rules could jeopardize the health and prosperity of southern Arizona's communities. We need to invest in our business while saving money on our energy bills; the ACC's Energy Rules allow us to do both.

**Please vote to make the Energy Rules official during the May Open Meeting.**

Sincerely,

Artifact Video Productions  
Bookman's  
Borderlands Brewing  
Ecoblue  
Futureproof  
House Trevethan  
How Sweet It Was Vintage  
Humanity Hub Network  
Lifeline Chiropractic  
Literacy Connects  
Local First Arizona  
Local Food Box  
Local Loot Box  
Microcosm Landscaping  
Moto Sonora  
RafterEye LLC  
SolarGain  
The Gloo Factory  
The Reliance Group  
Tucson 2030 District  
Tucson Thrift Shop

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.seia.org/initiatives/solar-investment-tax-credit-itc>